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FOR			NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA			BASIC FEE	150.00	OR	BASIC FEE	300:00-
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS			29 minus 20=		* 9			X\$ 25=		OR	X\$50=	162-
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AMENDMENT A		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGH NUME PREVIC PAID I	BER DUSLY	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHE NUMB PREVIO PAID F	BER USLY	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI- TIONAL FEE
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 15, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 15, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0116.C1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the **Specification** begin on page 2.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the **Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Further, the references do not teach, show, or suggest a tubular gripping member for gripping the casing string in the non-vertical position, as recited in claim 18. (Shaw, Figure 6) As shown in Figure 6, even when the elevator is tilted away, the tubular is still in a vertical position.

Further, the references do not teach, show, or suggest an interlock system connected to the first gripping member and the second gripping member, the interlock system adapted to ensure that at least one of the first gripping member or the second gripping member is connected to the tubular, as recited in claim 22.

Further, the references do not teach, show, or suggest the structural intermediate and the gripping member provide fluid communication to an inner diameter of the casing string, as recited in new claim 37.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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